

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,
sharing Christ's love with all.*



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY (Based on *Psalms* 25:1-5)

To you, O God, we lift up our souls. To you we offer our praise and prayer, our worship and thanksgiving, even our very lives. Make your ways known to us. Show us the path on which we should walk. Lead us in your truth and teach us. For you alone are the God who saves, the God in whom we trust, and the One on whom we wait. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Hyfrydol”
Nicole Campbell, Flute

arr. Purifoy

LIFE OF THE CHURCH – “We Are POP” Video, Melissa Hildebrand

CALL TO WORSHIP

A voice of power and majesty calls out to us: I am your God; I have called you in righteousness. I have called you mine.

We are amazed that God knows us and calls us. By God’s breath and spirit, we receive life.

God calls us by name and loves us. God takes us by the hand and leads us.

Strangers become family. The lost become found.

Worship with joy and give glory to God’s name. Listen for the wisdom God shares.

Today as we remember our baptisms, may we live and worship together as those with whom God is well pleased.

Let us worship God!

HYMN (GTG) 486

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”
Verses 1 and 4

(Kingdom)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of cleansing and claiming waters, touch our lives today, we pray, for we confess that we are not living up to your dreams for us. We still fail to love you, ourselves, and our neighbors as you have called us to do. We are reluctant to get involved in the problems of others, and lukewarm about changing our ways. We focus on everything that separates and divides instead of striving to connect and heal. Forgive us. Help us to feel your claim upon us, so that confident of your love and your call, we will love the world as Jesus did, for the glory of your name. *(A time for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI – (GTG) 113
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:4-11; NT Page 34

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14; NT Page 192

SERMON

“Gotcha Day”

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Down to the River to Pray”
Bill McWhirter, Voice

arr. Curry

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*A Brief Statement of Faith* 1991; ¶10.4, lines 52-64)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Richard, Melissa, Anna, Alex, and Eric Hildebrand

Prayer institution of the week: Baltimore Presbytery (Baltimore, MD)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity, gender identity, or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Maria Elena Bodnar (301-390-0484) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

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The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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